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Leslie Elam greets visitor to ANS Information Booth

(George Cuhaj photo)

SOCIETY AT ANA CONVENTION

Director Leslie Elam represented the Society at the ANA's annual convention in St. Louis July 29 through August 2. Major features of the Society's participation included a special display mounted in the exhibition area and an information booth on the main convention floor.

Chinese Money Exhibit

"Chinese Communist Money, 1931-1949" is the theme of the three-part exhibit brought to the ANA convention by the Society. It was prepared by Rose Houston, ANS Associate Curator of Far Eastern Coins, who also wrote an illustrated booklet on the subject to accompany the exhibit.

ANS Information Booth

Again this year the ANA generously provided space to the Society for an information booth. An added attraction introduced at St. Louis was a rear-

screen projection system featuring slides of famous coins in the ANS collection as well as Society staff members and views of the museum and library. Samples of Society publications, slide sets and cards were on display, including a preview of the new *Roman Medallions*, a handbook authored by William Metcalf and packaged with 24 full color slides depicting the 12 medallions discussed. Visitors to the booth also received information on Society membership and a number took the opportunity to complete the special application form designed for the convention.

The success of the information booth depended heavily on the Society members who volunteered their time and numismatic expertise as hosts during the convention. In addition to Elam and Society President Harry Bass, Jr., hosts included: George Cuhaj, (who also took first place for his medals exhibit), Henry

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TRAVEL GRANTS AWARDED FOR BERNE CONGRESS

Travel grants have been awarded to four American scholars toward the cost of attending the Ninth International Numismatic Congress in Berne, Switzerland, September 10-15. Announcement of the recipients, selected on a competitive basis, was made by the American Council of Learned Societies, the granting agency.

The four named, all of whom will deliver papers at the Congress, include two ANS staff members: Michael Bates, Curator of Islamic Coins, and Nancy Waggoner, Curator of Greek Coins. Also receiving grants are Thomas Martin, Assistant Professor of Classics at Harvard University, and Robert Stieglitz, Adjunct Assistant Professor of Classics at New York University.

Bates's talk, "The Secret Points on Umayyad Dinars and Dirhams," is based on his study of the small points which appear on early Muslim coins. Although these marks had some significance for the mint officials involved, their purpose was not intended to be obvious. Bates cites his investigation of the marked issues at Damascus and Khurasan as typical of the information which can be extracted from the study of this coinage.

Waggoner's topic, "The Propontis Hoard, 1950 (IGCH 888)," involves a reexamination of this hoard, dated by Henri Seyrig to ca. 180 B.C., in the light of new findings. A date of burial in the 170s is suggested. Waggoner will also be chairing the first session of a principal section of the Congress, "Coins in the History of Their Time."

Martin discusses "The Evidence of Monetary Circulation for the Economic History of Thessaly ca. 350-200 B.C." On the basis of hoard evidence, he shows that the system of exchange in Hellenistic Thessaly remained essentially unregulated under Macedonian

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1979 GRADUATE SEMINAR PROGRAM A SUCCESS

The 27th ANS Graduate Seminar concluded August 10 with a farewell party sponsored by the twelve students in attendance. The party capped a week of papers representing an unusually broad range of interests. Research topics ranged from the Hellenistic coinages of Tarentum, Heracleia and Cyrene to palaeo Hebrew on the earliest Jewish coins, the tetrarchic mint of Alexandria, the coinage of the Karts and regency medals of Marie de Medici and Anne of Austria. The results were gratifying, and several of the papers should eventually appear in print.

One of the important functions of the Seminar is to bring together individuals from different backgrounds and with different interests to share information and viewpoints during the short nine weeks that the Seminar meets. Relief from the academic demands of the Seminar was provided at "mid-term" when students, staff, families and friends attended what has come to be an annual function, a Sunday picnic at the Haworth, New Jersey, home of Islamic Curator Michael Bates. Unusually warm weather neither dampened spirits nor interfered with volley-ball.

The usual student rapport with the visiting scholar this year found unusual expression. Dr. Kolbjørn Skaare, of Oslo, Norway, is an inveterate walker, and regularly eschewed the MTA to walk the two miles from his lodgings in Morningside Heights to the museum and back. He was soon joined, at least on the return journey, by several students who were staying in the Columbia University area.

A summary of each student's individual Seminar research project is as follows: Sheila Blair, "The Coinage of Abū Sa'īd the Ilkhānīd 717-735 1315-1336". Blair studied the coinage of the Ilkhanids Uljāyṭu and Abū Sa'īd, using stylistic criteria to trace the varying limits of centralized as opposed to regional control of minting. She also revised the previously accepted chronology and metrology of the successive weight reductions in the two reigns. Alan Divack, "Coins and Coinage in the Reign of King Stephen of England, 1135-1154". Divack's metrological study of the coinage of Stephen I of England showed that there was a marked increase in the weight of his coins later in his reign. This may help to correct the impression of economic and political instability suggested by some historians.

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Sheila Blair



Alan Divack



John Dobbins



Arthur Herman



Patricia Langer



Mark McLean



John Oakley



Lawrence Potter



Geraldine Ramer



Nancy Montgomery MacIntosh



Francis Stern



Paula Trivett

OPERATING BUDGET VOTED FOR FISCAL 1980

On July 20, the Council of the Society passed on the Operating Budget presented by the Finance Committee for the Society's next fiscal year, which begins October 1.

Budgeted expenses for the coming year total \$678,143, of which \$481,940 is for employee salaries, benefits and related taxes. Paid employees of the Society number 27 full-time staff members plus various part-time and work-study aides drawn from New York area universities. Estimated expenses for security and insurance are \$29,125; plant expenses, \$36,415. General support, which includes such items as office, museum and library supplies, travel by staff members, attorney and audit fees and the like, totals \$57,800 in the approved budget. Costs relative to the

management and safekeeping of the Society's invested endowment add \$26,825 to the budget. Finally, the Society's educational functions for the coming year will cost \$36,038 of which \$8,153 will be reimbursed through a federal grant.

The total budget represents an increase over the past year of \$32,000 or 5 percent. Income for fiscal 1980 is expected to fall short by \$89,500. Of this estimated deficit, \$40,000 has been set as the Annual Giving goal with the remaining \$49,500 representing use of unrestricted endowment funds.

In two matters related to the budget, the Council voted to promote Junichi Izumi to the position of Associate Photographer and to retain Margaret Thompson as a consultant during the coming year.

The audited financial statement of the Society is published each year in the *Annual Report*.

ROMAN MEDALLIONS NEW ANS PUBLICATION



Roman Medallions, by William Metcalf, is the newest Society publication and the first in the Handbook series. This handsome 29-page book, with full color cover, describes and illustrates 12 outstanding Roman medallions from the Society's collection.

As Metcalf states in the introduction, "Medallions are the crowning achievement of Roman numismatic art." The beauty and detail of these objects can be appreciated by viewing the color slides which have been prepared from the 12 medallions and may be purchased with the handbook.

Roman Medallions is available from the Society at \$2.50 for the handbook or \$9.95 for the deluxe, boxed set including the handbook and 24 color slides depicting the 12 medallions. The slides are packaged for convenient viewing. Thirty-five cents should be added to each order for postage and handling.

Annual Giving Short of Goal

To date, \$33,300 has been contributed to the Society's Annual Giving, \$6,700 short of the fiscal 1979 goal of \$40,000.

Annual Giving is separate from the contributions received by the Society for special activities such as coin cabinet and library purchases and support of the publications program. Annual Giving is directed toward eliminating our operating deficit and this program has, since its inception in 1975, been an essential part of our operating support.

It is also a tremendous source of pride to the Society that so many of its members and friends are willing to provide funds for basic operations beyond the

normal dues assessment. This year, 337 individuals have responded, of whom 276 sent contributions of under \$100.

The goal is \$40,000 by September 30, 1979, the end of the Society's current fiscal year. A coupon has been provided below for the convenience of those who wish to help us at this time. The Society's Council has designated the following donor categories for listing in our *Annual Report*: Sponsoring Donor (\$1000 and above); Sustaining Donor (\$500-999); Contributing Donor (\$100-499); and Donor (under \$100). Contributions in any amount are most welcome.

The American Numismatic Society

I want to help support the work of the Society. Enclosed is my contribution toward the 1979 Annual Giving goal of \$40,000.

Amount \$

Name

Address

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Contributions to the American Numismatic Society are tax-deductible

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rule, which suggests continued economic autonomy for the region.

In "The Solar Cult on the Coins of Ancient Malta," Sieglitz cites the numismatic evidence for the continuance into the Roman period of a religious cult originally established on Malta by early Phoenician colonizers. The evidence is viewed also in the larger context of the assimilation of eastern religious elements in the Graeco-Roman world.

Brady and Metcalf to Attend

The Society's Chief Curator, William Metcalf, and Jeremiah Brady, Associate Curator of Mediaeval Coins, will also participate in the Congress. Metcalf will be attending as the invited guest of the organizing committee and will deliver one of the principal addresses of the Congress on the topic "The Flavians in the East." Brady, who will be traveling on a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, will present a paper on "A Hoard of Latin Gold Fragments of Baldwin of Jerusalem."

Americans Well Represented

In addition to Society staff and travel grant recipients, a number of Society members and other American numismatists have been invited to participate in the Berne Congress as speakers. These include: Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, "La monnaie comme document iconographique;" Miriam Balmuth, "Collection of Materials for the Study of the Origins of Coinage;" Leslie Beer, "Results of Coin Striking to Simulate the Mint of Ancient Aegina;" J.D. Breckenridge, "The Lyre back Throne in Byzantine Art and Numismatics;" Giles Carter, "Die-link Studies and the Number of Dies of Augustan Quadrages, c. 5 B.C.;" Jane Cody, "Stylistic Trends in the Representation of Goddesses on the Republican Coinage," and Dickran Kouymjian, "Monetary Circulation in South-eastern Caucasia in the 12th-13th Centuries."

Also attending are Emmett McDonald, "United States Coin Scales and Counterfeit Detectors;" Richard Margolin, "The Swiss Engraver J. P. Droz and His Legacy for the French Monetary Competitions of Louis XVI, Napoleon and Louis XVIII;" Thomas Noonan, "Where, How and Why Durham's First Recorded European Russia: A Numismatic Critique of the Pirenne Theory;" Martin Ryzack, "Jonathan Swift and the Economic History of Wood's Coinage;" Robert Shroo, Jr., "Medallio Porciani of Late Byzantine Emperors;" Norman

Totten, "Minting and Coinage in Provence and the Upper Rhone, 900-1250;" Bluma Trell, "The Phoenician World, East and West—The Numismatic Evidence;" and Paolo Visona, "Early Greek Bronze Coinage in Dalmatia and the Skudljivac Hoard: A Reappraisal of *IGCH* 418-420."

ACLS ANNOUNCES 1979/80 COMPETITIONS

The American Council of Learned Societies has announced its programs of aid to individual scholars for the coming year. Deadlines for the various competitions are:

Fellowships	Sept. 30, 1979
Research Fellowships for Recent Recipients of a Ph.D.	Sept. 30, 1979
Study Fellowships	Nov. 15, 1979
Mellon Fellowships for Chinese Studies	Dec. 1, 1979
Research on Chinese Civilization	Dec. 1, 1979
East European Studies	Dec. 1, 1979
Grants-in-Aid	Dec. 15, 1979

Applicants must have the doctorate or its equivalent as of the deadline that has been set. General inquiries and requests for application forms should be addressed to the Office of Fellowships and Grants, ACLS, 800 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

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Grunthal, Thomas Haney, Leon Lindheim, Emmett McDonald, Eric Newman, Richard Picker, Dexter Seymour, William Spengler, Robert Vlack and Charles Wormser. Newman, a member of the Society's Council who resides in St. Louis, also served as Moderator for the convention's Educational Forum.

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22-24 Society closed — Thanksgiving weekend

December

8-10 ANS Information Booth open at New York International Numismatic Convention, Sheraton Hotel, New York

22-25 Society closed — Christmas weekend

29 January 1

Society closed — New Year's weekend

12 Annual Meeting of the Society Council Meeting

NATIONAL HUMANITIES CENTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF FELLOWSHIPS 1980-81

The National Humanities Center will admit approximately 40 Fellows for the academic year 1980-81. The Center is designed to facilitate individual research and intellectual exchange within a community of scholars.

Fellows enjoy the use of private studies, conference rooms, and a dining area in the Center, and they are provided with library service and manuscript typing. The Center is located between the campuses of Duke University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The group of Fellows chosen each year includes both scholars of established reputation and young scholars of promise who have held the doctorate no more than ten years. In addition to scholars in fields traditionally identified with the humanities, the Center admits representatives of the natural and social sciences, the professions and public affairs. Scholars from outside the United States are also welcome to apply.

The usual term of a fellowship is the academic year, September through May, but some fellowships are available for shorter periods. Stipends are based on the normal academic salaries of Fellows; those who have partial support in the form of sabbatical salaries or research grants receive from the Center the difference between that support and their normal salaries. Fellows also receive travel expenses to and from the Center for themselves and their families.

The deadline for 1980-81 applications is January 10, 1980. For application material and information write to National Humanities Center, P.O. Box 12256, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

NEW RULES ANNOUNCED BY BM COIN ROOM

Robert Carson, Keeper of Coins and Medals at the British Museum, advises that, under a policy recently formulated by BM trustees, admission to the Department of Coins and Medals for students wishing to consult the collection will henceforth be by ticket only. Those who anticipate visiting the Department of Coins and Medals for study purposes are advised to write in advance to the Keeper for further information and an application form.

YI'AKOV MESHORER OCTOBER SPEAKER

Yi'akov Meshorer, Curator of the Department of Numismatics at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem will be the speaker at the Society's next Members Meeting on Saturday, October 13 at 3 P.M. His topic for the David M. Bullowa Memorial Lecture is "Fantasy Jewish Coins of the Renaissance."

Meshorer, who is spending a year in the United States at the invitation of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, is a frequent and welcome visitor to our Society. He is currently completing work on the *Palestine-Arabia* section of the Society's Greek cabinet for publication in *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum: The Collection of the American Numismatic Society*.

CONFERENCES SLATED IN EUROPE

Two specialized numismatic conferences will be held this September in addition to the Berne Congress. The first, scheduled for September 6-8, is the Fourth Oxford Symposium on Coinage and Monetary History, which will be devoted to *Coinage and the Crusades*. The conference, hosted by the Heberden Coin Room of the Ashmolean Museum, will be attended by Michael Bates and Jeremiah Brady of the Society's staff.

Among ANS members addressing the meeting are Paul Bedoukian of Wilton, Connecticut, on "Early Coinage of the Crusaders: the Mint of Edessa Reconsidered," and Roberto Pesant of Key Biscayne, Florida, speaking on "The AMALRICVS Coinage of Jerusalem."

Following the Berne Congress, Bates and Brady will go on to Paris to participate in a September 17-19 conference on *Numismatics and Statistics. Antiquity—Middle Ages*, organized by the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (Paris) and the Université Catholique de Louvain under the general patronage of the Council of Europe. Bates's scheduled paper will deal with "Three Bronze Gann Weights from the Umayyad East as Evidence for Varying Local Monetary Weight Standards." Brady's contribution to the discussion will be "A Statistical Analysis of the Gold Fineness of a New Hoard of Crusader Latin Coinage of the Twelfth Century."

Through the cooperation of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the papers of the conference will be published. Tony Hackens will serve as Editor of the project.



Florence Donnelly and Marie Martin

MARTIN, DONNELLY JOIN STAFF

Marie Martin of The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has been appointed Assistant Editor of the Society, filling the vacancy created when John Mancina left for another position. Martin, a 1978 participant in the Society's graduate seminar program, is a doctoral candidate in South Asian history. In addition to her historical and numismatic training, she brings to the position an extensive background in scholarly editing based on her experience at the Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies in Ann Arbor.

Florence Donnelly, a resident of Fort Lee, New Jersey, joined the staff in August as Receptionist, following the retirement of Betty Chagaris, who had served in that capacity since 1971. In addition to handling incoming calls and helping visitors find their way about our museum, Donnelly handles publication sales and inventories as well as the record keeping pertaining to contributions and donations to the collection.

EDWARD GANS ELECTED FELLOW

The Society's Council, at its July meeting, elected Edward Gans of Berkeley, California, a Fellow of the Society. Gans, a member since 1938 and a Benefactor of the Society, had been a Life Associate of the Society, a category in which membership was closed some years ago.

SON TO METCALFS

On May 26, 1979, a son, Daniel Finn Metcalf, was born to William Metcalf and his wife Margaret Finn Metcalf, a member of the staff since 1973, was recently appointed Chief Curator of the Society.

ASSOCIATES ELECTED AT JULY MEETING

Forty-seven individuals and two numismatic cabinets were elected Associate Members of the Society at the July meeting of the Council. Included in this healthy gain are ten new foreign members.

Those elected are: Al C. Adams, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia; Walter E. Archie, Chicago, Illinois; Robert W. Ashbrook, Cincinnati, Ohio; Louis L. Avner, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Favez Sa'di Barakat, Jerusalem, Israel; Michael A. Berman, Detroit, Michigan; Carol Bier, Brooklyn, New York; Colin Brooker, Camden, South Carolina; E. Forrest Chapman, Belleville, Michigan; Curtis E. Conner, Omaha, Nebraska; Richard D. Dolloff, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

Also, John W. Dannreuther, Miami, Florida; Gabinete de Numismática, Coimbra, Portugal; Nancy C. Gordon, Lexington, Massachusetts; William D. Graham, Forest Park, Illinois; Thomas D. Groves, Princeton, New Jersey; Michael G. Hardie, Jamaica, New York; Michel G. Klat, Dammam, Saudi Arabia; Jay Arlen Krumholtz, N. Hollywood, California; Nathan Landfield, Bronx, New York; Emmanuel E. Macias, Los Angeles, California; Derrick Mancini, Ithaca, New York; Francesco Mannucci, Izmir, Turkey; Eric K. Michaels, Staten Island, New York; and LeRoy D. McDermott, Lawrence, Kansas.

Also, Scott H. Miller, Brooklyn, New York; David G. Mitten, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Museu Calouste Gulbenkian, Lisbon, Portugal; Thomas R. O'Neill, Lafayette, Colorado; Judith G. Prochaska Kolbas, New Windsor, New York; Edwin Rector, Washington, D.C.; Joseph D. Robinson, Syracuse, New York; James A. Sauer, Amman, Jordan; John R. Saunders, London, England; Richard W. Schaeffer, Slingerlands, New York; Nicholas Sicurella, North Brunswick, New Jersey; and Seymour A. Siegal, Oceanside, New York.

Also, Peter Siemer, Hamburg, W. Germany; Howard W. Simmons, London, England; James N. Skeen, Decatur, Georgia; James H. Slater, Toronto, Canada; Sherill L. Sparr, Boulder, Colorado; John Struzan, Santa Monica, California; Albert A. Tom, San Bruno, California; Joseph Uphatt, La Jolla, California; Samuel F. Warshawer, Wilmington, North Carolina; and James S. Werner, West Hartford, Connecticut.

Calendar

September

- 6-8 Fourth Oxford Symposium on Coinage and Monetary History, Oxford, England
- 10-15 Ninth International Numismatic Congress, Berne, Switzerland
- 17-19 Conference on *Numismatics and Statistics: Antiquity — Middle Ages*, Paris, France

October

- 13 Fall Members Meeting of the Society: Guest Speaker Ya'akov Meshorer, Jerusalem, Israel
- Finance Committee Meeting
- Council Meeting
- Meeting of the Committees on Greek Coins; East Asian Coins; Islamic and South Asian Coins

November

- 2-3 Eighth Wisconsin Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, panel, "Numismatics: Important Resource for Studying Asian History and Culture," chaired by William F. Spengler
- 6 Society closed — Election Day
- 15 Deadline for submission of material for *Numismatic Literature* No. 103

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John Dobbins, "The Organization of the Roman Mint at Alexandria During the Tetrarchic Period." On the evidence of style and minor elements of type, Dobbins articulated an officina structure in the early years of the reign of Diocletian at the mint of Alexandria. Arthur Herman, "The Iconography of the Regencies on Seventeenth-Century French Medals." Herman studied court propaganda as it is reflected in the medallic issues of the regents Marie de Medici and Anne of Austria.

Patricia Langer, "The Imperial Festival Coinages of Bithynia." Langer attempted to define a cycle for the appearance of coins relating to games at the mints of Nicaea and Nicomedia during the 1st through 3rd centuries A.D. Mark McLean, "Chronologies for the Hasmonaean Coinage." McLean undertook a close study of the engraver's hands in comparison with contemporary manuscripts and inscriptions on monuments to establish a sequence for the earliest Jewish coins, suggesting that the first issues belong possibly to Alexander Jannaeus. John Oakley, "Wreathed Tetradrachms of Cyme." Employing die links, style and hoard evidence, Oakley worked out a chronology for the wreathed coinage of the mint of Cyme which places them in the period ca. 155-143/2 B.C. Lawrence Potter, "The Coinage of the Karts." Potter catalogued previously unstudied coinage of the Karts of 14th-century Herat, tracing the evolution of their coinage in the wider context of the monetary history of the region and period.

Geraldine Ramer, "Problems in the Chronology of Tarentum. Evans Period III." Ramer studied the sequence of Evans's Period III (ca. 380-330 B.C.), uncovering die links which suggest minor revisions of his relative chronology. Nancy Shatzman Steinhardt, "Currency Issues of Yuan China." By using original sources (*Yuan Shih*, memoirs, contemporary and Ch'ing dynasty coin catalogues, etc.) in conjunction with the Yuan dynasty coins in the Society's cabinets, Steinhardt was able to make a comprehensive study of the currency of that dynasty (1260-1368), the first such in English. Frances Stern, "The Later Staters of Heracleia Lucaniae." Stern concluded a die study of some 272 late staters of Heracleia Lucaniae, breaking them down into three groups: Pyrrhic phase (281-278); Roman alliance phase (278-276); and the later Pyrrhic phase (276-272). Paolo Visonà, "Drachmai Apolloniaticai: on the Chronology of the Drachms of Apollonia Illyriae." On the basis of hoard evidence and die links, Visonà redated the first period of the later drachm coinage of Apollonia pre-168 B.C., and suggested against current consensus that the magistrate whose name is on the reverse is not necessarily the principal magistrate.

Not every research topic can be in the spotlight of historical interest, a fact exemplified by Dobbins's description of the coinage of his summer's work:

Alexandrian tetradrachm hoards
Since Milne have been largely ignored.
The fact is that billon
Produced by the million
Is really quite widely abhorred.

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